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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I believe that healthy competition, whether it's in sports or the marketplace, can be a powerful motivation and provide the impetus for progress.

But just like how baseball gives both teams the same number of innings to play, and football teams have to have the same number of players on the field, the marketplace needs rules that keep things competitive. "Just let them play on," some fans and commentators may say. "Don't stifle the market with regulation." But the fact of the matter is, a game where fouls are never called is just as unwatchable as one where the whistle is blown every minute, and a market that doesn't give competitors a chance to compete is just as stifled as any centrally planned economy.

The FCC is a referee, and it needs to do its job, which involves striking a balance. In this case, the right call is clear: preserve the status quo of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Thank you.

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